Use of railway tracks and rolling stocks

1202. SHRI S. MUTHUMANI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Governmen have decided to allow private operators to use Railway tracks and rolling stocks;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Railway invited offers from the interested private operators who are interested in using Railway tracks and its rolling stocks;

(c) whether the Railways are considering to make all Zonal Railways as holding companies and production units as its subsidiaries; and

(d) if so, on what basis the Railways are planning to give its tracks and rolling stocks to the interested private operators ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) : Railways are encouraging the private sector to own wagons under "Own Your Wagon Scheme" and are also exploring the possibilities of private sector running tourist trains on certain sectors.

(d) Does not arise.

Stagnation of Grade 'C' employees

1203. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that Grade 'C' employees working as Assistant in the Ministry of Railways have been working in the same post for the last 15 year from their ad-hoc promotion in July, 1979;

(b) if so, the number of such employees with reasons for not promoting them to next grade after rendering more than 15 years service in the same posts ;

(c) whether there is a great resentment amongst these stagnating employees;

(d) whether Government propose to take some meaures to remove the stagnation or to pay them some financial incentives for working in the same posts for more than 15 years without any promotion;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(f) whether some panel for ad-hoc promotion to next grade of such affected Assistants has been formed; and

(g) if so, the number of such Assistants to be offered promotion with this move and by what time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. Of the 4 persons promoted as Assistant on ad-hoc basis in July, 1979, two have already been promoted as Section Officer and the remaining two Assistants are at present working in the higher grade of Technical Assistant.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

(f) and (g) The above 2 Assistants presently working as Technical Assistants are on the panel for ad-hoc promotion as Section Officers framed for the current year.

Providing a railway coach from Ahmednagar to Delhi

1204. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that very few seats are available for Delhi, Jhelum, Karnataka and Goa Express trains from Ahmednagar;

(b) if so, whether Government would reserve one coach in each of the above train from Ahmedanagar to Delhi ;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) An analysis of utilisation of the existing quotas has revealed that the same are adequate to cater to the present level of traffic.